

## City moves forward to create permanent memorial

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This afternoon, staff from Dayton History accepted items left at the temporary memorial located in the Oregon District, for preserving and archiving this tragic event. The memorial has become a unifying location for people to pay their respects and share feelings about the events of August 4.

"The Dayton History organization joins the entire community in mourning those lost in the recent tragedy in the Oregon District," said Brady Kress President and CEO of Dayton History. "As the official history organization for Montgomery County, Dayton History is committed to preserving and safeguarding historic artifacts for posterity. At the request of the City of Dayton we have accepted the responsibility to save temporary memorial items honoring the victims. We hope this effort brings some measure of comfort to our community."

Earlier this month Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley announced intentions to create a permanent memorial to those who lost their lives in the Oregon District mass shooting on August 4.

"We want to be very thoughtful as we begin the process of developing a permanent memorial," said Mayor Nan Whaley. "Having a place where people can go and reflect is important."

A special committee comprised of individuals who were impacted by the events of August 4 will be overseeing the design and location of the permanent memorial. The first meeting of this group is scheduled for Friday, August 23. More information about this committee will be available on Friday.

